

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a patient suffering from aphthous, said method comprising applying to the oral mucosa of said patient a composition comprising ~~consisting essentially of~~ a topical anti-inflammatory steroid and an inhibitor of TNF- α consisting ~~of selected from~~ pentoxifylline (PTX) ~~or thalidomide~~.
2. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a patient suffering from aphthous, said method comprising orally applying to said aphthous a composition consisting essentially of an immunosuppressive agent and an inhibitor of TNF- α .
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said topical anti-inflammatory steroid is selected from dexamethasone, fluocinonide, and triamcinolone acetonide.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, wherein said immunosuppressive agent is FK 506.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is applied orally as an ointment, a gel, or a rinse.

7-12 (Cancelled)